

Non-Permanent, Scientific Technician 2

Habitat Program, Science Division
LaConner

OPEN: July 22nd 2009----- CLOSING: July 30, 2009

There is currently one - 5 Month Non Permanent Scientific Technician 2

Position: Scientific Technician 2

Duration: 5 months

Anticipated Start / End Dates: August 1, 2009 and end December 31, 2009

Salary: Range 36, \$2426 to \$3135, depending upon experience

Duty Station Location: Science Division office in LaConner.

Work schedule: Hours and work days will vary

Summary: This position supports the Fish and Wildlife Biologist III position related to the Puget Sound Partnership- supported Forage Fish Project, providing agency resource managers with critical-habitat data for PHS-listed marine fish species, contributing to a publicly-accessible state-wide forage fish spawning habitat database, contributing data to shoreline-restoration initiatives, contributing to the fulfillment of public information requests, and other activities essential for near-shore marine ecosystem management, and the development and application of criteria for the conservation of an ecologically-important and vulnerable species group and their vulnerable habitats.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to: This position will participate in complex field surveys, assisting the project leader in field surveys for the documentation of marine forage fish spawning sites, collection of spawn samples for genetic studies, and other early life history information for surf smelt and Pacific sand lance populations throughout the Puget Sound basin. This position will be responsible for following standardized protocols in the field, securely maintaining field data records during surveys, maintaining field equipment, organizing raw field and lab data for entry, assisting in public presentations, and other project duties within the applicant's capabilities.

Working Conditions:

Fieldwork would include working near-shore and on and off beaches in a 16' open aluminum boat with a 35 horsepower engine, possibly in inclement and rough weather in near-shore marine waters. Moderate lifting of equipment and sediment samples will be required. A 40-60-hour weekly work schedule (Mondays through Fridays) is anticipated for this position, depending on seasonal project goals and frequency of workable day-time low tides. Compensatory time can be accrued on a time and a half basis. Work would include driving vehicle/boat-trailer combinations throughout the Puget Sound basin, possibly with over-night lodging on occasion. Non-fieldwork time would be spent at an office-desk PC workstation at the WDFW LaConner district office, on an 8AM-5PM schedule. Protective/safety gear will be provided for field and lab.

Required Qualifications:

Graduation from high school or GED, including one year of high school science and two years of experience as a Scientific Technician 1 OR Graduation from high school or GED including one year of high school science and two years of laboratory or field experience as an assistant to a biologist, chemist, or zoologist. College course work involving major study in biology, zoology, fisheries, chemistry, natural sciences, or closely allied field will substitute, year for year, for experience, provided the course work includes at least six semester or nine quarter hours of natural science classes.

Requirements for this position:

Must have a valid driver's license, show demonstrable skills at operating/beaching/launching small boats on marine beaches.

Preferable skills: knowledge of WDFW forage fish spawning beach survey field and lab protocols, knowledge of identification of potential forage fish spawning habitats, knowledge of standard PC-based word-processing operations, good weather-condition judgment for safe road-trailering and boat-operation.

HOW TO APPLY: Contact Dan Penttila no later than **July 28th, 2009** by submitting the following: please submit a cover letter, a completed State Application, resume or CV, and 3 references, by 5:00 PM, email to: penttdep@dfw.wa.gov or mail to: WDFW, Attention: Dan Penttila at P.O. Box 1100 La Conner, WA 98257-9612